

**Table 1. Number, median days, incidence rate<sup>1</sup> and relative standard errors of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work<sup>2</sup> involving musculoskeletal disorders<sup>3</sup> by selected natures of injury or illness, Texas, 2002**

Nature	Number	Median days away from work	Incidence rate	Relative standard error
Total	28,596	14	43.0	3.3
021 Sprains, strains, tears	24,447	12	36.8	3.4
0972 Back pain, hurt back	470	5	0.7	12.6
0973 Soreness, pain, hurt, except the back	572	19	0.9	11.5
1241 Carpal tunnel syndrome	1,163	33	1.8	8.3
153 Hernia	1,216	30	1.8	8.2
1530 Hernia, unspecified	891	30	1.3	9.4
1531 Inguinal hernia	284	42	0.4	16.1
1533 Ventral hernia	--	--	--	--
1539 Hernia, n.e.c.	--	--	--	--
17 Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders	728	14	1.1	10.3
170 Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, unspecified	--	--	--	--
171 Arthropathies and related disorders (arthritis)	--	--	--	--
172 Dorsopathies	59	30	0.1	34.7
1721 Sciatica	--	--	--	--
1722 Lumbago	--	--	--	--
1729 Dorsopathies, n.e.c.	--	--	--	--
173 Rheumatism, except the back	631	14	1.0	11.0
1730 Rheumatism, except the back, unspecified	--	--	--	--
1731 Bursitis	--	--	--	--
1732 Synovitis	--	--	--	--
1733 Tendonitis	252	14	0.4	17.0
1734 Tenosynovitis	74	11	0.1	31.2
1735 Ganglion/cystic tumor	87	11	0.1	28.7
1739 Rheumatism, except the back, n.e.c.	192	24	0.3	19.5
179 Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, n.e.c.	--	--	--	--

<sup>1</sup> Incidence rates represent the number of injuries and illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers and were calculated as: (N / EH) X 20,000,000 where,

N = number of injuries and illnesses,  
EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year,  
20,000,000 = base for 10,000 full-time equivalent workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year).

<sup>2</sup> Days away from work include those which result in days away from work with or without job transfer or restriction.

<sup>3</sup> Includes cases where the nature of injury is: sprains, strains, tears; back pain, hurt back; soreness, pain, hurt, except back; carpal tunnel syndrome; hernia; or musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders and when the event or exposure leading to the injury or illness is: bodily reaction/bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; overexertion; or repetition. Cases of Raynaud's phenomenon, tarsal tunnel syndrome, and herniated spinal discs are not included. Although these cases may be considered MSD's, the survey classifies these cases in categories that also include non-MSD cases.

NOTE: Dashes indicate data that do not meet publication guidelines or data for incidence rates less than .05 per 10,000 full-time workers. The scientifically selected probability sample used was one of many possible samples, each of which could have produced different estimates. A measure of sampling variability for each estimate is available upon request.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, April 2004